



CHRIST CHURCH
AN EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN THE DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA
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Our Vision: To be a church that loves the way God Loves

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 25, 2025 — 8:00 and 10:00 am

*Book of Common (BCP) and Hymnal pages are listed on the right. BCP: Book of Common Prayer (black),
S or H: Hymnal 1982 (blue), WLP: Wonder, Love, and Praise (green), L: Lift Every Voice (red)*

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

HEARING AND RESPONDING TO HOLY SCRIPTURE

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude (10 am only)

Toccata in C major

Johann Pachelbel

Processional Hymn (10 am only)

O for a thousand tongues to sing

H 493

Celebrant

Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

BCP 355

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love
you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song of Praise (10 am only)

Glory to God

L 243

Glo - ry, Glo - ry, ha - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, Glo - ry, Glo - ry ha - le - lu - jah, Lord we
praise your Ho - ly name, 1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to His peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God,
heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for_ your
glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, Glo - ry, Glo - ry, ha - le - lu -

27

- jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, Glo - ry, Gl - ry ha - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. 4.You

34

take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us, 5.You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther, re - ceive our_

41

prayer. 6.For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are_ the Lord, 7.You a - lone are the Most High,

48

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of_ the Fa - ther. Glo - ry,

52

Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name,_ Glo - ry, Glo - ry hal - le - lu -

57

- jah, Lord we Praise your Ho - ly name. A - - - - - men.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please sit for the reading of the scriptures.

The First Lesson

Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

The Second Lesson

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *(10 am only)*

Jesus shall reign where're the sun

H 544

(At the 10 am service, children may leave for Gospel & Prayers. They will return at the Peace)

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Suzanne Hood

The Nicene Creed *All stand*

BCP 358

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

**in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People *Stand or kneel*

Intercessions for the Christian People

Let us pray in unison with our risen Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, the Counselor, saying: Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of Christ, his own gift to his apostles, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who hold authority in this world and in the church, that the Holy Spirit may guide them into the ways of justice, peace, and truth, for the good of all people everywhere, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those whose hearts are troubled, through hunger, fear, poverty, sickness, loneliness, or for whatever reason, that the love of Christ may make its home with them and fill them with all peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, that we may love Christ and keep his word, and be made one with each other with Christ in God, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the whole creation, men, women, children, plants, animals, and the wonders of the universe, that we may all in our varied ways give praise to the God who made and loves us, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who till the earth and those who fish in the waters to bring food to the world, and for all whose hand is open to give bread to the hungry, that all may enjoy the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We especially remember those experiencing homelessness, job insecurity, and life transitions.

We give thanks for the Episcopal Farm Worker Ministry and the varied ways they contribute to our community and to our dinner tables. Empower us to support the workers and those who minister to this vital community of people at the heart of our nation's agricultural system.

We remember St. Andrew's, Morehead City and St. Cyprian's, New Bern, in this week's Cycle of Prayer.

The flowers behind the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her father, Frederick Thomas Grant, by Barbara and Mark West; in loving memory of Linda Taylor, who passed away one year ago, by her husband, Malcolm Taylor, and in thanksgiving for the marriages of Frank and Kathleen Rice and Priscilla and David Miller on the occasion of their wedding anniversaries by Priscilla and David Miller.

We pray for those in our world who are suffering through war and political conflicts. We especially remember those in Sudan, Ukraine, Pakistan, India, and the Holy Land, and those seeking refuge and a new start in new lands. May God comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable to make a world of peace, justice, and prosperity for all of God's creation.

O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the peoples of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines.

Lord Jesus Christ, you have sent your Holy Spirit to teach us and to bring to remembrance all you have done in the power of God. Be known to us, as you have promised, Hear our prayers, grant us your peace and love, and give us those things which we need in this life. You live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

We omit the confession during the season of Easter as a reminder of Jesus' triumph over the grave and the unmerited grace given to us by God through Jesus.

The Peace *All stand.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory Sentence

Music at the Offertory

Ricercare in C minor

Johann Pachelbel

Hymn at the Presentation

The Doxology

H 380 (v.3 only)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Receiving Communion and One-On-One Prayer

Christ welcomes all to communion. Those Baptized in any Christian tradition are encouraged to receive communion.

- Receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine, guiding the chalice to your lips.
- If you do not want to sip the wine, it is also perfectly appropriate to receive the bread only. If you wish to intinct, or dip the wafer in the wine, please hold the wafer in such a way that the Eucharistic Minister can intinct it and hand it back to you. Please do not intinct the wafer yourself.
- Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are also available at the lower station.
- Respond to communion by saying "Amen."
- If you prefer a blessing, cross your hands over your chest.
- Baptism is offered several times yearly; speak to a priest to learn more.
- If you wish to pray one-on-one with a Prayer Minister, go to the Chapel after receiving communion or a blessing.
- Prayer ministers hold all requests in absolute confidence.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer, Prayer B

BCP 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

WLP 858

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.**

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn

I want to walk as a child of the light

H 490

Sending Forth Eucharistic Visitor *Standing*

Celebrant We who are many are one body because we share one bread, one cup.

People **Take these holy gifts of our Lord's Body and Blood and go forth in the name of Christ Church. May those to whom you go experience with us the majesty and mystery of His presence through the sharing of the bread and wine.**

All **We who are many are one body because we share one bread, one cup.**

Post Communion Prayer *Standing or kneeling*

BCP 366

Celebrant Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

The Blessing *Standing*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

All creatures of our God and King

H 400

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude

Fugue in C major

Johann Pachelbel

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Heather McCloud-Huff

Lectors: Barbara Rice (8 am), Jane Merritt (10 am)

Lector / Eucharistic Ministers: Patricia Holmes (8 am), Steve Skiffington (10 am)

Intercessor/Eucharistic Ministers: Rodney Hayes (8 am), David Super (10 am)

Eucharistic Ministers: Jane Broaddus (8 am), Randy Bogle (10 am)

Acolytes: Anna Corson (8 am), Allie Marett (10 am)

Greeters: Patty Conard (8 am), Tony Embrey (10 am)

Ushers: Jude Falcao (8 am), Stephen and Boland Clayton (10 am)

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Andrew's, Morehead City, St. Cyprian's, New Bern

CHRIST CHURCH CLERGY AND STAFF

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Term - 2027: Vins Bowers, Liz Coble, Patty Conard, Susan Husson (*Clerk*)

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MISSION

The mission of Christ Episcopal Church is to welcome and inspire all people to faith, hope and spiritual growth through worship, Christian fellowship, and service to one another and to the community beyond.

Please Note: You will notice that not all weekly church events are listed here. If there are no changes to your regularly scheduled event, it might not appear below. The entire calendar can be viewed online at <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/calendar> and in the Sunday morning email. Signs with the complete calendar are posted on the kiosk in the Reception Area and the bulletin board across from the Library. Daily calendar signs are posted on the church's exterior doors.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday, May 25

Summer Schedule Begins

- 8 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
- 10 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))
- 11 am: Lemonade on the Lawn
- 11 am: Cursillo Reunion (Chapel)

Monday, May 26

Staff Offices closed for Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 27

- 7 am: Al-Anon Meeting (2nd Floor Living Room)
- 8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)
- 6:30 pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)

Wednesday, May 28

- 6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

Thursday, May 29

Offices closed for Staff Work Day

Saturday, May 31

- 11 am: Funeral and Reception for John Griffin (Nave / Parish House)

Sunday, June 1

Birthday and Anniversary Sunday

Volunteer Celebration Sunday

- 8 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
- 10 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))
- 11 am: Lemonade on the Lawn
- 4 pm: Racial Reconciliation Discussion Group (Pelletier Room)